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Venice, July 26. N. S.

THE Duke of *Mantua* arrived here on Tuesday last; and has since been in Conference with the Ministers of this State, concerning the Affairs of *Italy*. The Relations and Friends of Signior *Cornaro*, one of the new Cardinals, have made Publick Rejoicings here for his Promotion, as is usual. We have an account from *Napoli di Romania*, that the Venetian Fleet is gone to Sea, intending to supply themselves with Water in the Port of *Spetza*, and after that, to direct their Course for the *Archipelago*.

Warsaw, July 30. The Primate has sent out Summons for another Dyet, as well as for the Gentry, to meet here again the 26th of the next month, to put an end to the Dispute about the late Election, but it is believed they will not give themselves this new Trouble, being resolv'd without admitting of any Controversie, to maintain the Choice they have made of the Elector of *Saxony*, who after having received the Ambassadors of the Republick at *Tarnowitz*, is marching with 8 or 10000 Men towards Cracow; where Preparations are making for his Coronation. Prince Radzeville, Great Chancellor of Lithuania died here two days ago, which will give the new King an opportunity to gratifie some of the principal of the Nobility, by conferring on them the Employments vacant by his Death.

Vienna, July 31. An Express is arrived here from Prince *Charles* of *Vaudemont*, with an account, That being come before *Potache* with the Forces under his Command, the Hungarians who lately surprized that Place, finding themselves in no Condition to defend it, Surrendered at Discretion; some of the Chief of them were Executed, and a Garison put into the Town; The rest of the Rebels are so dispersed, that they are here in no apprehensions of their attempting any thing further; It now plainly appears, that they expected Assistance from the Turks, who to that end have assembled a Body of their Troops near *Temeswar*, but too late to suppose them. The Imperial Army commanded by Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* marched the 19th Instant from *Veris-Martan*, and encamped the 27th near *Pitu-Waradin*, where they will continue till they can observe what the Enemy intends; The Grand Vifier was by our last advice advanced with the Vanguard of the Turkish Army as far as *Semendria*, and the Grand Signior with the rest of his Forces was come to *Jagodina*. A Party of Imperial Hussars have lately surprized the Palank of *Schol*, killed 400 Turks, and took 70 Prisoners. The Bishop of *Raab*, who is of the House of *Saxe*, went hence last Monday for *Selesia*, to accompany the new King to *Poland*.

Francfort, Aug. 7. The French Army under Marechal *Choiseul* is marched higher up towards *Strasburg*; and Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* not being able to follow the Enemy, by reason of their having destroyed all the Forage in those Parts, is come nearer to the *Neckar*, and encamped two days ago at *Brucksal*. A Party of Imperial Hussars the 2d Instant a Party of 200 French, of whom they killed 50, and brought in 70 Prisoners.

Hamburgh, Aug. 9. There are Letters from *Poland*, which give an account of the Elector of *Saxony*'s arrival at *Cracow*, and of his having Sworn in the Cathedral Church of that City, to observe the *Pacta Conventa*, or Capitulation between him and the Republick. The same advices say, That there happened about the end of the last month a great Disturbance at *Warsaw*, occasioned by a Quarrel between those of *Saxony*'s and *Conti*'s Party, in which several of the latter were killed; and the Disorder might have gone much further, had it not been prevented by the Primate's sending his Guards to the Place where it happened.

Paris, Aug. 9. On Monday last arrived here an Express from the French Camp before *Barcelona*, with Letters of the 27th of the last month, giving an account of several considerable Actions between our Troops and the Besieged; The Particulars are as follow; On the 24th in the morning the Duke *de Vendosme* caused an Assault to be made on the two Bastions, by great Detachments, under the Command of the Count *de Coigny*, Lieutenant-General, but it was not thought fit to attack the Courtain, because our Men must have marched too much exposed to the Enemies Fire from the two Flanks; The Dispute lasted 3 hours, and at last the French made themselves Masters of the Bastion on the Left, but when they had almost finished their Lodgment, the Enemy returned, and attacked our Men with such Fury, that they beat them out again. The 25th the Regiments of *Alsace* and *Soucher* were ordered to make another attack against the Bastion on the Left, which they gained a second time, the Prince of *Birkenfelt* who commands the first of these Regiments, planting there with his own Hand the French Colours, but could not long maintain their Ground, for the Spaniards coming on again with great Bravery, forc'd our Men to give way, and drove them quite from their Post; The Prince of *Birkenfelt* endeavour'd to rally them, and to recover what they had lost, and after a sharp Engagement once more planted his Colours on the Bastion, and began to lodge his Men; but they were beaten off as before; The French being reinforced, returned a fourth time, and at last remained Masters of the said Bastion; While this was doing on the Left, the Bastion on the Right was in like manner taken and retaken several times, but with this difference, that the Spaniards at last voluntarily quitted it; The Slaughter of Men in these several Actions were very great; The French own to have lost 6 or 700, but in all likelihood 'tis double that number; They are particularly concerned for the Sieur *Esprit*, their chief Ingenier, who was killed. Being thus lodged, the French began to work on a Battery of 6 Pieces of Cannon, and intended to raise other Batteries, having still very great Difficulties to overcome; for the Besieged have made 3 strong Intrenchments behind the Ramparts, the last of which is Palisiado'd, and has a good Ditch before it, and besides the Streets are all Intrenched. The day after the Attacks before-mentioned the Spaniards planted on the Courtaine (which they are still Masters of) some Colours they had taken from us, and at the same time the Duke *de Vendosme* ordered the Colours he had taken to be planted on the Bastions. Our Army before these Assaults received a Reinforcement of 6000 Men from *Provence*; The Besieged expect 3000 old Soldiers from *Ceuta*, and are as resolute and shew as little sign of Capitularing as they did the first day of the Siege, in which the French have lost already 4 or 500 Officers, 20 Ingeniers, and above 7000 Men: All this creates great uneasiness at the French Court, and make them still very apprehentive of the Success of this Enterprize. They have not at present so good an Opinion here of the Condition of the Prince of *Conti*'s Affairs in *Poland*, as they had some Posts ago; for, according to our last Letters, his Party loses ground. We have yet no News here concerning Monsieur *Pointy*'s Squadron.

Brussels, Aug. 11. The Elector of *Bavaria* intends to go hence to morrow to the Camp at *Nevelle*. The several Armies continue in their former Posts. 'Tis believed the French will now quickly retire.

Leo, August 12. Monsieur *Heinsius*, the Pentioner of *Holland*, who is appointed the Fourth Plenipotentiary of the States for the Treaty of Peace, arrived here last Saturday in the Evening, and having waited on His Majesty that night, as likewise the next morning, immediately returned to the *Hague*. Yesterday the Baron *Stemens* came hither, being sent by the Elector of *Bavaria* to notifie to His Majesty the Electoress's being delivered of a Prince; and he is this morning gone back to *Brussels*: This day the King Hunted the Stag, which carrying him towards *Dieren*, His Majesty lies there this Night.

Hague, Aug. 13. N. S. The Pentioner of *Holland* returned hither yesterday morning from attending His Majesty at *Loo*, and has since, together with his Colleagues, had several Conferences with the Emperor's Ambassadors, and those of the Empire, as also with the Ambassadors of *France*; and it's believed the present Negotiations of Peace will be speedily brought to a good Conclusion. The Spa-

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